Sl. No.	States	Total No. of polluting units	Compliance Status OPRS	OPRNS	UCL
15.	Meghalaya	1	1	0	0
16.	Orissa	51	41	8	2
17.	Punjab	97	53	27	17
18.	Rajasthan	108	96	4	8
19.	Sikkim	1	1	0	0
20.	Tamil Nadu	218	177	38	3
21.	Tripura	5	5	0	0
22.	Uttaranchal	36	18	16	2
23.	Uttar Pradesh	263	232	4	27
24.	West Bengal	73	30	23	20
25.	Chandigarh	1	0	0	1
26.	Delhi	5	4	0	1
27.	Pondicherry	8	7	0	1
	TOTAL:	2624	2032	266	326

OPRS Operating satisfactorily
OPRNS Operating not satisfactorily
UCL Units closed

Protest rally against Biodiversity Act, 2002

522. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased o state:

(a) whether environment and other activists launched a protest rally against the Biodiversity Act, 2002 and the Rules framed there-under, in the Capital near Paryavaran Complex in December, 2004;

(b) if so, the main objections voiced by them indicating the provisions of the law and the rules; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) A few Non-Governmental Organizations have voiced some concern over not giving enough powers to local Biodiversity Management Committees under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and Biological Diversity Rules, 2004. In fact, the Act and the Rules have vested enough powers to the Local Management

Committees. As per Section 14 of the Biological Diversity Rules, 2004, the National Biodiversity Authority shall consult local bodies before granting any permission for access to biological resources and associated knowledge to any user agency. The community representatives can exercise their wisdom and rights while consenting or disagreeing to any such request. Therefore the concern voiced by some activists has no basis.

Pollution in Ganga river

523. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the level of pollution of water in the river Ganga during its journey in Kanpur is very high;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the amount spent, so far, to cleanse Ganga river in and around Kanpur; and

(d) the steps proposed and the amount required to cleanse Ganga at Kanpur so as to bring the level of pollution there to a satisfactory level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes Sir. The level of pollution of water in river Ganga increases during its journey in Kanpur. The river water quality at upstream and downstream of Kanpur is as under:

Sl. No.	Place	Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l)
1.	Upstream of Kanpur	3.20	7.18
2.	Downstream of Kanpur	5.73	5.28

(b) to (d) Out of 371 million litres per day (mld) of wastewater presently being generated in Kanpur (including 11 mld of tannery wastewater), treatment facilities for only 171 mld (including 9 mld of tannery wastewater) have been created so far under the Ganga Action Plan in the town. The balance untreated wastewater is discharged into the river Ganga through different open drains, thereby polluting it. Schemes with a sanctioned cost of Rs. 62.66 crore have been implemented under Ganga Action Plan Phase-I in Kanpur. In addition, an amount of Rs. 67.86 crore has been